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1 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a
diaper construction, and, more particularly, to a
combination of a throw-away diaper insert and an
5 infant's diaper wrap.

SUMMARY

The type of garment with which the insertable
throw-away diaper to be described is most
10 advantageously employed is what is termed a diaper wrap
which includes a pants-like garment separable at both
sides in order to enable laying out in a flat
condition. Other garments that may be used for this
purpose include training pants, pajamas or any other
15 pant-like garment separable at the sides by buttons,
snaps, zippers or other releasable fastening means
enabling the garment to be opened to a relatively flat
condition. When laid out flat the garment has an
inside surface and an outside surface, and is of
20 generally elongated rectangular shape with two
centrally located inwardly curved side portions which
adapt to the infant's legs when worn by the infant. At
the four corner portions on the inner surface there are
provided hook and loop connector parts spaced inwardly
25 from the lateral edges. A second pair of hook and loop
connector parts are secured to the inner surface of the
garment just outwardly of the first described hook and

1 loop connectors at one end of the garment. At the
 other end of the garment on the outer surface of the
 garment, there are provided further complementary hook
 and loop connectors adjacent each lateral side of the
 5 garment for mating with the two opposite end internal
 connector parts of the garment.

The insert is of similar geometry to the
 garment and is constructed of multiple layers of an
 absorbent material which has the advantageous property
 10 of absorbing and not wetting the garment.
 Additionally, the diaper insert has an inner surface
 (i.e., surface to contact the infant) and an outer
 surface which on assembly contacts the inner surface of
 the garment. At the four corner portions of the outer
 15 surface of the insert there are provided individual
 hook and loop connector parts which have a generally L-
 shape with sides paralleling both the end edge and the
 lateral edge of the insert. With this L-shaped
 construction, locking interconnection with the outer
 20 garment is adjustable over a range of positions to
 accommodate varying sizes of infants.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

In the accompanying drawing:

25 FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an infant's
 garment with a throw away diaper insert in accordance
 with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an elevational view of the garment
 of FIG. 1 showing it partially released;

30 FIG. 3 shows a front view of an infant's
 garment modified for practicing the invention;

FIG. 4 shows the modified infant's garment of
 FIG. 3 with the insert in place;

1 FIG. 5 is a view similar to FIG. 4 showing
part of the insert turned back and disconnected from
the infant's garment; and

5 FIG. 6 shows the infant's garment and insert
in separated spaced apart relationship.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now to the drawings and particularly
FIGS. 1 and 2, the diaper arrangement of the present
10 invention enumerated generally as 10 is seen to include
in its major parts an outer pants-like garment 12
preferably what is termed a diaper wrap, which will be
hereinafter referred to as a garment, within which a
disposable throw-away diaper insert 14 is unitarily and
15 releasably secured for acting as diaper absorbing
liquids while preventing substantial wetting of the
garment. Also, as will be described, the combination
garment and diaper insert can be quickly placed on an
infant and just as quickly removed, while the throw
20 away insert can be removed from the garment separately
for disposal.

As can be seen best in FIG. 3, the garment 12
which is preferably what is sometimes termed a diaper
wrap or training-wrap is typically constructed of a
25 soft-to-the-touch textile fabric, such as cotton. The
garment is generally rectangular and elongated with the
two end edges 16 and 18 provided with an elastic so
that they are shortened from the maximum width. In
addition, the two longitudinal sides are curved
30 inwardly as at 20 and 22 in order to accommodate the
legs of the infant and aid in containing the insert.

What is to be the inner surface of the garment
in use and identified as 24 in FIG. 3, includes first
and second hook and loop connector parts 26 and 28,
35 respectively, adjacent the edge 16 and a lateral edge.

1 Similarly, third and fourth hook and loop connector
parts 30 and 32 are located adjacent the opposite edge
18 and respectively adjacent the lateral peripheral
edges. Each of the connector parts 26-32 are of the
5 same character (e.g., loop connector parts). Just
laterally outward from each of the two connector parts
26 and 28 there are located fifth and sixth connector
parts 34 and 36, respectively.

On the outside surface of the garment and
10 respectively closely adjacent the garment end edge 18,
there are further connector parts 38 and 40 of such
character as to enable mating with connector part 34
and 36 (i.e., loop connector).

It is instructive to note at this time that
15 when the garment is folded from the position shown in
FIG. 3 to the use position of FIGS. 1 and 2, that
releasable interconnection of the garment sides is
achieved by the connector parts 38 and 40 mating with
connector parts 34 and 36.

20 Returning now particularly to FIGS. 5 and 6,
the throw-away diaper insert 14 is seen to include an
elongated member of geometry and dimensions
substantially similar to those of the garment. That
is, the insert is generally rectangular with two narrow
25 opposite end edges 42 and 44 with the long side edges
being curved inwardly toward each other as at 46 and
48. Preferably the insert 14 is constructed of
multiple layers of an absorbent flushable paper which
are unitarily secured together along the peripheral
30 edges by a line of stitching 50, for example.

Alternatively, the paper layers composing the diaper
insert may be secured at their edges by an adhesive.

Adjacent each corner of the insert, there is
provided a generally L-shaped hook and loop connector
35 part 52, its parts extending generally parallel to both

1 the end edge and adjacent lateral edge. The connector
parts 52 are all complementary to the connector parts
26-32 mounted on the garment 12.

5 In assembly the garment 12 is laid out flat as
in FIG. 6 with the inside surface 24 facing upward.
The diaper insert 14 is then laid down onto the garment
with insert connector parts 52 being releasably secured
to the garment connector parts 26-32. The combination
10 garment and diaper insert may now be placed on the
infant and the garment connector parts 38, 40 connected
to connector parts 34, 36 holding the assembly on the
infant.

The connector referred to herein as a hook and
loop connector is well known and sold under the trade
15 designation Velcro.

Although the invention has been described in
connection with a preferred embodiment, it is
understood that those skilled in the appertaining arts
may make changes that come within the spirit of
20 invention as described and within the ambit of the
appended claims.